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Applicant's or agent's file reference 50847.000004.PCT1	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/US2005/008136	International filing date (day/month/year) 10/03/2005	(Earliest) Priority Date (day/month/year) 10/03/2004
Applicant OMNI LIFE SCIENCE, INC.		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 5 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☐ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the abstract,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 7

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- b. ☐ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. IV Text of the abstract (Continuation of item 5 of the first sheet)

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A patella femoral brace having a support member configured to be worn about the knee of a user, the support member having an upper portion (10) extending above the knee and a lower portion (12) extending below the knee, and a pressure cuff (32) attachable to the support member in a position to exert force on at least a portion of the periphery of the user's patella. The pressure cuff can have a plurality of connection members (33) for securement to the sleeve (16) at selective ones of a plurality of connection points (25, 26, 27) provided on opposite sides of the knee and above and below the knee, such that the position of the pressure cuff is adjustable by varying connection of the connection members to selective ones of the connection points to apply force to the patella in a plurality of directions. A buttress (24) can be provided between the pressure cuff and the patella.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61F5/01

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61F

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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